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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF IVORY COAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT PHILIPPE YACE

REF: ABIDJAN 537

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PHILIPPE YACE, PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR TEN DAYS, STARTING JANUARY 27. YACE IS PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S RIGHT-HAND MAN AND DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, TAKES A KEEN INTEREST IN PAN-AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, AND IS PRIVY TO ALL OF HOUPHOUET'S DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN MIDDLE-EAST, THE HORN, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. WHILE YACE'S TRIP TO NEW YORK IS ESSENTIALLY PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL -- HE HAS ULCERS AND PERIODICALLY RECEIVES MEDICAL CHECK-UPS ABROAD -- IT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT-MINDED AFRICAN LEADER WHO WILL BE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE IVORY COAST AND IN WEST AFRICA GENERALLY FOR SOME TIME TO COME. I HOPE THAT YACE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON BRIEFLY DURING HIS STAY AND THAT HE CAN BE RECEIVED BY VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE. STATE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON THIS AND GOVERNOR HARRIMAN, WHO KNOWS YACE, HAS INVITED
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HIM TO LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 1, 2, OR 3, DEPENDING ON YACE'S PLANS.

2. WHETHER OR NOT YACE IS ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM AT SOME POINT DURING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK. MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT YOU DID NOT, REPEAT, NOT MEET HIM WHEN

YOU WERE IN ABIDJAN LAST MAY, OR AT LEAST DID
NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH HIM AT ANY LENGTH. I THINK YOU
WOULD FIND HIM EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND WELL-INFORMED, AND KNOW
THAT YACE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE IS ARRIVING IN NEW YORK FROM PARIS MORNING
OF JANUARY 27 AND STAYING AT HOTEL CARLYLE.

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